

## Senate Resolution 872

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Golden of the 8th, Staton of the 18th and Chance of the 16th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and congratulating the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc., on its  
2 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc. (GFIC), founded in  
4 1956, is a nonprofit organization established to raise funds for financial aid for students at  
5 the member independent colleges and universities; and

6 WHEREAS, GFIC represents 26 independent, nonprofit, liberal arts colleges and  
7 universities, spreading the word about the benefits and opportunities at Georgia's  
8 independent colleges and universities to high school students and their parents, guidance  
9 counselors, and the media; and

10 WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, GFIC has flourished as an organization by developing  
11 model scholarship programs that have attracted and retained key corporate, foundation, and  
12 individual donors and has raised more than \$34 million since its inception for member  
13 colleges and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, approximately 70 percent of the undergraduate students attending the member  
15 institutions are benefiting from the scholarship aid and the work that GFIC provides; and

16 WHEREAS, the independent colleges and universities provide an exceptional education  
17 through small classes, individual attention, professors with a keen awareness of their  
18 students' personal interests, close-knit campus communities, and student involvement in  
19 university life; and

20 WHEREAS, the independent colleges and universities in Georgia have an annual economic  
21 impact of \$5.833 billion and support over 81,874 jobs in the state; and

1 WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting to congratulate the Georgia Foundation for Independent  
2 Colleges, Inc., and affiliated corporations and civic leaders for 50 years of outstanding  
3 contributions to education.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SENATE that the members of this  
5 body recognize and congratulate the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc., on  
6 its 50th anniversary.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Foundation for Independent  
9 Colleges, Inc.